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For: RADIATION SENSITIVE COMPOSITONS AND METHODS

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AMENDMENT

Applicants file the above-identified application herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims being on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-40. (cancelled).

Claim 41. (new) A chemically-amplified positive tone photoresist, the photoresist comprising a resin, a photoacid-generating compound and an amine other than a trialkylamine.

Claim 42. (new) The photoresist of claim 41 wherein the amine is an aryl amine.

Claim 43. (new) The photoresist of claim 41 wherein the amine is a cyclic amine.

Claim 44. (new) The photoresist of claim 41 wherein the photoacid-generating compound is an iodonium compound.

Claim 45. (new) The photoresist of claim 41 wherein the photoacid-generating compound is an aromatic sulfonium salt.

Claim 46. (new) The photoresist of claim 41 wherein the resin is a phenol-based polymer.

Claim 47. (new) An article of manufacture comprising a wafer substrate having coated thereon a photoresist of claim 41.

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Claim 48. (new) A method for forming a photoresist image on a wafer substrate for the production of a microprocessor, comprising:

(a) providing a chemically amplified positive tone photoresist, the photoresist comprising i) a resin, ii) a photoacid-generating compound and iii) a compound that comprises one or more moieties selected from ether, ester and amide.

Claim 49. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein the compound iii) comprises one or more ether moieties.

Claim 50. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein the compound iii) comprises one or more ester moieties.

Claim 51. (new) The methods of claim 48 wherein the compound iii) comprises one or more amide moieties.

Claim 52. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein the photoacid-generating compound is an iodonium compound.

Claim 53. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein the photoacid-generating compound is an aromatic sulfonium salt.

Claim 54. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein substrate areas bared of the photoresist layer upon development are selectively processed.

Claim 55. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein substrate areas bared of the photoresist upon development are chemically etched.

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Claim 56. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein substrate areas bared of the photoresist layer upon development are plated.

Claim 57. (new) The method of claim 48 wherein the resin is a phenol-based polymer.

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REMARKS

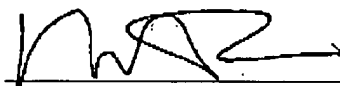
Claims 1-40 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 41-57 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. For instance, support for the amendments appears e.g. at the paragraph bridging pages 11-12; page 13, last paragraph; page 27, first paragraph; and the original claims of the application.

By separate paper filed herewith, page 1 of the application is amended to provide the priority claim for the application..

Applicants file an Information Disclosure Statement herewith.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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- (5) Form PTO-1449;
- (6) European reference cited therein; and
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
[] a small entity. A statement:
[] is attached.
[] was already filed.
[X] other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

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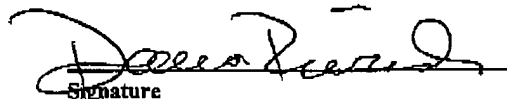
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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR	Rate	Addit. Fee		
Total	*	Minus	**	=	x \$25 = \$		x \$50 =	\$ 0		
Indep.	*	Minus	***	=	x \$100 = \$		x \$200 =	\$ 0		
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 = \$		+ \$360 =	\$ 0		
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(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

- (c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.
- ☐ Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____.
- A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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6. [X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105

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